

# **CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**

## ***H.R. 240 Gives More Support to Children and Provides More Tools For Child Support Collection***

**To give more child support directly to families, States are given incentives to pass-through more support to current and former TANF families.**

- Families and children will benefit financially:
  - Over 5 years, HHS estimates nearly \$200 million in child support will be passed through to families.
  - CBO expects States to eventually share about \$400 million annually with current and former TANF families.
- Children will see that their parents support and care for them.

**To increase the amount of child support collected, additional enforcement tools will be provided.**

- Child support orders will be reviewed and updated every 3 years, resulting in increased collections.
- More passport applications will be denied due to past due child support obligations.
- Additional Federal payments will be offset to collect past due child support.
- Federal income tax refunds could be intercepted to collect past due support for children over age 18.

**To help finance provisions increasing child support for families, States will be required to impose a \$25 annual processing fee for child support enforcement cases.**

- This fee will apply only to those cases in which a family has never used cash welfare and the State has made a successful child support collection of at least \$500.